(DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposed amendment in the Delhi University Act will enable the newly set up Guru Gobind Singh Indraprastha university to affiliate colleges in Delhi without seeking permission from the Central Government.

Enrolments for Primary Education

†1500. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that percentage of children enrolled for primary education was 42 per cent in 1960, which had increased upto 69 per cent in 1992.

(b) if so, whether Government have made any assessment of the likely percentage by the end of 2000; and

(c) the time frame fixed to ensure hundred per cent enrolment of children in schools in the country?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such assessment has been made. However according to the National Family Health Survey-II, 1998-99, 80.2% boys and 67% girls in 11—14 age group attend schools.

(c) The proposed Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, provides for eight years of elementary schooling by 2010.

Competence of Board of Governors to formulate rules

1501. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan alone is competent to formulate Recruitment Rules or it has delegated its powers to its Chairman to exercise them in emergencies;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, whether changes in Recruitment Rules and essential and desirable qualifications etc. can be made by subordinate officers; and

(c) if so, the legality and need and justification, if any, thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan is the competent authority to approve the Recruitment Rules for all categories of posts in the Sangathan. However, the Board in its 46th metting held on 03.12.1985 authorised the Chairman, Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to approve the Recruitment Rules subject to adoption by the Board of Governors.

Centres of advance study set up by UGC

1502. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether during sixties or earlier, UGC had set up Centre of Advance Study for different subjects offering scholarships and fellowships for post graduation and research degrees;

(b) if so, the details of each of such centres and details of courses and research degrees started there; and

(c) the centres of Advanced Study in History, Ancient Indian History and Culture, Medieval History and Modern Indian History that were started and/are still existing?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Scheme for recognising certain university departments, which had already achieved excellence in research, as Centres of Advanced Study, on selective basis, was initiated by UGC in 1963-64. Under the Scheme, substantial financial assistance is provided to the selected departments to enable them to acquire adequate infrastructural facilities, such as essential manpowers, books, journals and equipment, renovation of buildings and upgradation of laboratories with a view to improving the quality of research, specially at the post-graduate and research levels.

(b) Details are at Annexure. (see Appendix 190, Annexure No. 23).